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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO-US CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR AIR NAVIGATION BUREAU

1. SECGEN HAS ASKED USREP WHICH OF SEVEN CANDIDATES REFERRED IS THE RPT THE US CANDIDATE. ASKED IF USG HAD SCREENED CANDIDATES AND EVALUATED REFERENCES, QUALIFICATIONS, AGE, ETC. USREP HEDGED RESPONSE.

2. FIVE CANDIDATES TRANSMITTED MEADOWS/DILLON LETTER JULY 30 INCLUDED COMMANDER AND MOORE AS "WELL QUALIFIED". SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, MOORE AND COMMANDER BOTH WOULD BE 56 YEARS OLD ON ICAO ENTRY THUS AVAILABLE ONLY ONE 4-YEAR CONTRACT.

3. MEADOWS/DILLON LETTER AUGUST 5 NOMINATED NTSB CANDIDATE ROSCOE AS "WELL QUALIFIED" WITH RECOMMENDATION FROM ACTING CHAIRMAN BOARD. ROSCOE 55 YEARS OLD.

4. SECGEN IN FINAL STAGES SELECTION BUT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING EXTENDING INCUMBENT NEMEREVER OR TRANSFERRING MONTGOMERY FROM ICAO/PARIS (UK CITIZEN). IN ORDER TO HOLD ANB DIRECTORSHIP, USG MUST RPT MUST SELECT ONE (TWO OR THREE) QUALIFIED, SCREENED CANDIDATES FOR INTERVIEWS MONTREAL WITHIN 10 DAYS. WE SHOULD BE SURE USG SPONSORED NOMINEES WILL ACCEPT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE JANUARY.

5. SECGEN EXPECTS 4-YEAR CONTRACT AND PREFERABLY EIGHT YEARS
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BEFORE 60-YEAR ICAO RETIREMENT AGE. THEREFORE, AGE IS FACTOR.

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6. LEAVING SELECTION TO SECGEN FROM AMONH "TWO OR THREE WELL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES" WHOM HE DOES NOT KNOW, WITH COMMENT FROM USG THAT "WE UNDERSTAND" THEY ARE WELL QUALIFIED WILL RUN SERIOUS RISK OF HIS SELECTING INCUMBENT OR UK CITIZEN AS CANDIDATES KNOWN WELL IN SPITE OF SHORTCOMINGS.

7. USREP WISHES REMIND DEPT THAT OUR FAILURE TO HANDLE SITUATION WISELY FOUR YEARS AGO RESULTED IN SELECTION INCUMBENT US CITIZEN WHO APPLIED OUTSIDE ICAO AND WAS POOR CHOICE.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF FORMAL USG NOMINEE OR NOMINEES ASAP SO SECGEN MAY INVITE FOR INTERVIEWS.
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